Memorandum

The City of Traverse City Engineering Department



TO:

Timothy J. Lodge, P.E., City Engineer

FROM:

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DATE:

Friday, October 31, 2014

SUBJECT:

Eighth St Crash Reports Before and After Road Diet

The City Engineering department gathered all crash reports (UD-10s) for Eighth St between Lake Ave and Woodmere Ave from October 1-30, 2013 and October 1-30, 2014 in an effort to compare the crash rates on Eighth St before and after Eighth St was converted from a 4-lane to a 3-lane configuration, also known as a "road diet". This memo is to formalize City Engineering's initial findings and observations with regard to the pre and post road diet crashes that were reported on E. Eighth St between Lake Ave and Woodmere Ave.

A summary of the reports are seen below:

4-Lane Configuration

Date	Nearest Intersection	# of Vehicles Involved	Road Condition	Crash Type	Detail					
10/18/2013	Boardman	2	Unknown	Angle	Ran red light					
10/28/2013	Railroad	2	Dry	Sideswipe, same	Sideswiped vehicle while changing lanes					

3-Lane Configuration (Road Diet)

Date	Nearest Intersection	# of Vehicles Involved	Road Condition	Crash Type	Detail						
10/20/2014	Boardman	3	Dry	Rear end	First vehicle rear ended 2 nd vehicle waiting in traffic, causing						
					2 nd vehicle to rear end a 3 rd vehicle waiting in traffic						

Based on these reports, it can be observed that the 4-lane and 3-lane configurations pose different safety issues. The 4-lane configuration allows the changing of lanes, which can result in sideswipe crashes, whereas the 3-lane configuration reduces the level of service of Eighth St causing backed-up traffic, causing vehicles to come to a stop in unexpected locations along the roadway, which can result in rear end crashes.

Encl.: Referenced UD-10 crash reports (sanitized)

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